Irrigation tanks.

473. ✻ MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many irrigation tanks are there in Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara taluks each falling under the following groups :

(i) major irrigation tanks ;
(ii) minor irrigation tanks ;
(iii) petty irrigation tanks ;

(*b*) how many of these are now useful for irrigation purposes and how many require renovation ;

(*c*) whether there is any scheme for keeping renovated tanks in annual repair ; and

(*d*) if none exists, why not ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS :

		Trivandrum.	*Neyyattinkara.*
(*a*)	1. Major Irrigation tanks	Nil.	Nil.
	2 & 3. Minor and petty irrigation tanks	350	738
(*b*)	1. Tanks in fair condition	28	194
	2. Tanks requiring renovation	322	544

(*c*) & (*d*) No ; since according to Section 13 (i) of the Irrigation Act, the maintenance and upkeep of minor irrigation structures are to be attended to by the ryots themselves at their cost.

Veyiloorkonam Tank.

474. ✻MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Regarding the Veyiloorkonam tank in Matathuvilogom pakuthi, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was this tank renovated and at what cost ;

(*b*) what is the amount collected from the ryots as contribution ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the eastern bund of the tank and the sluice were washed away the next year after renovation ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, when was it brought to the notice of Government and the Public Works Department ;

(*e*) whether they know that this tank is now useless for the purpose for which it was restored ;

(*f*) whether they have received representations regarding urgent necessity of restoring the eastern bund at the sluice ; and

(*g*) what would be the approximate cost of restoring this bund and the sluice ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) In Karkatagom 1104 at a cost of Rs. 1,336-7-10.

(*b*) Rs. 668-3-13.

(*c*) No. Since the ryots had closed the outlet, a portion of the eastern bund was cut open to avoid a breach.

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(*d*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).
(*e*) No.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) Rs. 1,870.

Cashew Factories.

475. *MR. PULLIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Cashew Factories in the State; and
(*b*) the total number of employees and coolies working in all the Cashew Factories in the State?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 179.
(*b*) 50,300.

MR VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether some of the workers in the Cashew factories get a kind of skin disease on their hands?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The disease has been found in some people. Instructions have been issued through the Labour Department to the managements to supply oil, ash and other things which will prevent this kind of disease to some extent.

Elephants caught from the Forest Reserve.

476. *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of elephants caught from the Forest Reserve this year;
(*b*) whether elephants were sold in public auction; and
(*c*) if so, the number and the sale amount realised?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):
(*a*) 13 (5 Tuskers and 8 cows).
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Seven elephants; B. Rs. 40,845.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many elephants were caught from the Malayattoor division?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Six elephants.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many trained elephants the Department has got for catching new elephants?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Five elephants.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many of them are in the Malayattoor Division?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Two are in the Malayattoor division.

Contract with Messrs. General Motors Ltd. Bombay, to supply Rosewood and Blackwood.

477. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government had any contract with Messrs. General Motors, Ltd. Bombay, to supply them Rosewood and Blackwood sizes;

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